Chesterfield

106 29th June 1847

My Dear Friend,

I deeply regret that I cannot be with you at St. James's Hall this morning. I did not give up the hope till nearly the last moment. I have been much with you in heart & mind for more than 20 years, & more than ever have I been with you during the last dismal & eventful years, & it would have been a pleasure & one greater than I can express to be permitted to be one of the company to see you & hear you

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& rejoice with you this morning.
But it cannot be. My duties
to Mason require me here, as
I have been unable to obtain
the services of a substitute, &
the state of my health prohibits
my travelling far on into the
Saturday night when I have
to preach on the Sunday.
I will hasten this brief &
hasty line to express my earnest
hope — & that of my wife also —
that you may be able to pay us
a visit here for as long a period,
the longer the better, as your
engagements will permit. My
daughter, Caroline Garrison Bishop

(you will remember our meeting there)
born in Exeter, in 1846, is now
at home with us, & will be here
3 or 4 weeks longer, & it will give
us all the greatest pleasure to
welcome you in our home.
Chesterfield is on the main
line of the Midland Railway
& is within a few miles of the
Derbyshire Peak District, in
which is some of the most
exquisite & beautiful scenery
in England. I send this by
the care of Mr Cheeson & hope
it may reach you without
delay. Excuse my haste as
I wish to be in time for the
day mail. My kindest

remembrances & regards to
Mr George Thompson if he be
near at hand when you re-
ceive this, & believe me,
My Dear Friend,
Ever Yours most truly
Francis Bishop

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Francis Bishop,
Edenstanfield,
June 29, 1867.